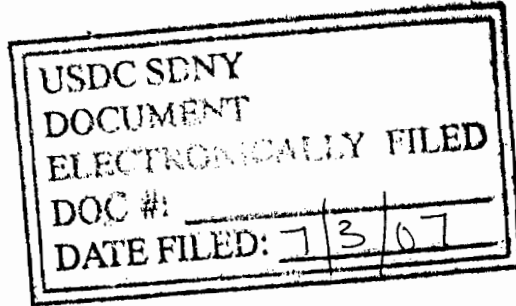


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK



JEFFREY M. COOLEY, Individually and On  
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated

Plaintiff,

vs.

STERLING FINANCIAL CORP., J. ROGER  
MOYER, JR., J. BRADLEY SCOVILL and  
TITO L. LIMA,

Defendants.

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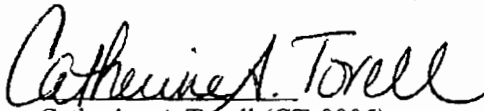
STIPULATION

Counsel for Plaintiff, Jeffrey M. Cooley, and Counsel for Defendants, Sterling Financial Corp. ("Sterling Financial"), J. Roger Moyer, Jr., J. Bradley Scovill and Tito L. Lima, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

1. This action is one several purported class actions filed against Defendants alleging, inter alia, violations of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
2. At this time, Defendants are aware of at least three similar actions that have been filed in the Southern District of New York. At least one other action has been filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
3. Counsel expect that the five pending cases, and any additional cases which may be filed, will eventually be consolidated in a single Court and a Consolidated Amended Complaint will be filed.
4. An extension of time pending the filing of a Consolidated Amended Complaint will avoid unnecessary expenditure of the parties' and this Court's resources.

5. Accordingly, counsel request that the deadline for Defendants' response to the Complaint shall be extended to sixty (60) days until after the filing of a Consolidated Amended Complaint. No previous extensions have been requested.

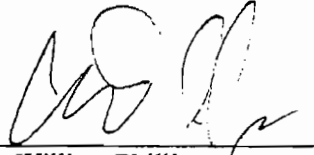
6. By agreement of counsel, service of process on all Defendants is deemed accepted.



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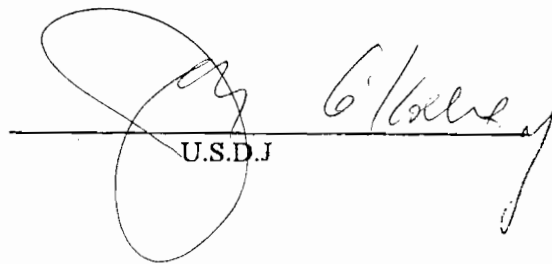
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Dated: June 26 2007

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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U.S.D.J.